LOUISIANA TECHNOLOGY INNOVATIONS FUND – FINAL PROGRESS REPORT

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I   DEPARTMENT/AGENCY: Department of Wildlife & Fisheries
II   PROJECT TITLE: Department of Wildlife & Fisheries Web
                              Site Multimedia Project
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IV   DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT:

This is a project intended to provide an interactive medium for the
dissemination of wildlife education topics and information to users in
Louisiana and other states. Streamed audio and video will deliver
information to the public in the form of video news releases, radio
show rebroadcasts, interviews, video tours and species profile videos.
This service will greatly enhance the Agencies current system of
information dissemination, which involves static, non-interactive, web
pages, printed media and a weekly radio show. Use of the Internet in
this way has been demonstrated to dramatically increase audience
figures while also cutting mailing costs. This project will also
provide an Internet chat-room which will be available to grade-school
students from their classrooms. This chat-room will host live
discussions on topics such as wildlife conservation and species
identification with biologists on hand to answer questions.
In addition, the audio and video streams will include materials
suitable for use in the classroom.

V   PROJECT STATUS

A.   All phases of the project are now complete. The new LDWF web
site was launched 12/27/99. According to the outline of Phase III
audio and video content has been encoded and is now available to the
general public. Phase IV of the project was completed on September 25,
2000. Seven wildlife experts from the department and three technical
staff conducted a live chat-room session with children from Northeast
Elementary School. Ms. Cindy Blanchard from Northeast helped make the
project a success.

B.   Accomplishments to date include:

?? Encoded audio and video content for streaming and uploaded it to
   LDWF web site.
?? Installed and configured all hardware and software necessary for
   the project.
?? Completed training with contractor and trained personnel from
   each division of LDWF in maintenance of their sections of the web
   site.
?? Uploaded content to new LDWF web site.
?? New LDWF web site launched 12/27/99
?? Interactive chat session conducted 09/25/00

C. Problems encountered during this reporting period:
   Everything went smoothly.

Phase I (completed) Audio and video data have been selected for use in
AV streaming training. Planning for the first chat room session h as
proceeded. Photographs and press releases have been submitted to the
contractor for inclusion. Hardware and software needed for the project
have been installed. The 3 MB Router and the LaNet circuit have been
installed and are functional.

Phase II (completed) All training, installation of hardware and
software has been completed and contractor supplied software has been
delivered and installed.

Phase III (completed) 12/27/99: Encoding of audio and video finished.
Streamed content is available to the general public. Material for the
chat room sessions compiled, and software tested and debugged.

Phase IV (completed) 9/25/2000: The chat room session held with
children from Northeast Elementary School.

VI   COST VS. BUDGET

Category	Budgeted	Actual	Surplus
A.Equipment	$10,380	$10,393	<13>
B.Software	$ 7,973	$ 3,873	4,100
C.Telecommunications	$27,057	$23,895	3,162
D.Professional/ Contract Services	$22,057	$16,300	5,757
E.Other Costs	$ 0	$ 0	0
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Total Project Cost	$67,410	$54,461	$ 13,006

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VII                 ITEMIZED EXPENSES AND FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS INCURRED


Equipment
P.O.  3499716       CompUSA           $      230    Video Capture Card
P.O.  3456390       Dell                    2851    PC
P.O.  3456501       Dell                    7312    Web Server
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Software
P.O.  3602181       Software House Int.      180    PhotoShop
P.O.  3739280       Software Plus.           246    Dreamweaver
P.O.  3768194       Dell                    1837    MS BackOffice
P.O.  3432843       Software House Int.      736    Adobe Premier
TMS   00012061      Software Artisans         99    SA FileUp
TMS   0010343B      DigiNet                  495    DigiChat
P.O.  3437536       Global                   280    Router Software
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Professional Services
P.O.   551605       Brightstar             16300    Website Infrastructure

Telecommunication Charge
P.O.  3437152       Global                 10335    Router
                    O.T.M.                 13760    Data Circuit
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